SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" Sir, the answer to clause (a) was ' No ' and the answer to clause (b) was ' Does not arise '. I do not exactly understand whether the Government propose to say ' No ' to the second clause of the question."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am sorry, Sir, if I was not clear. The idea of the Government is not to limit the beneficial scheme to those weaving counts of 40 and below only. Therefore, the answer to clause (b) is that it shall also apply to those cases where weavers weave higher counts like 60, 80 and 100."

Reforms in the Jails.

* 62 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government are considering reforms in the jails including reform of the dress to be worn by the inmates?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister give us details about the reforms that he has in view ?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is not possible for me to do so since it covers about 500 pages of printed matter."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Will the Government supply us with copies of those proposals before they put them into effect? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I will consider that suggestion."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Will the Hon. Minister at least explain to us the reforms which he proposes to introduce? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It will take about an hour if I were to explain them."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The Hon Minister can explain one or two important points."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us, in connection with the reforms proposed, whether the degrading conditions of the undertrial prisoners in sub-jails have been brought to the notice of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice of that question."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" May I know whether the undertrial prisoners for food offences are given separate treatment as compared with Communist undertrial prisoners? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That question does not arise out of the main question? A separate question may be put."

SRI MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Will the Government consider the suggestion to reduce the strength of the jails in the State in view of the fact that almost all the leading Communists are out of jail? "

Removal of control over distribution of yarn.

* 63 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to remove control over distribution of yarn?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Control over distribution of yarn by retailers to consumers has been removed for a period of three months. It is also being considered, if with a view to reduce the price to the consumers, mills should not be allowed to sell half of the yarn allocated to handlooms directly to consumers at ex-mill prices."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know Sir, whether arrangements have been made by the Government to enable the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society to get as usual 36 per cent of the total quantity of yarn allotted to this State? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, at present the mills are permitted to sell a portion of the yarn to their own consumers. As a result, proportionate distribution to the handloom weavers and other agencies dealing in yarn will naturally be reduced to less than the usual quota."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" In view of the decision taken by the Government, permitting the mills to sell yarn to consumers of their choice, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the handloom weavers' co-operative societies are being starved of yarn, and what arrangements do they propose to make to supply adequate quantities of yarn to the co-operative societies? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment, my information is that no co-operative society is suffering from want of yarn, but if the hon. Member will give a specific instance or will categorically tell me that yarn is deficient, I shall certainly make enquiries and do the needful."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the fishermen co-operative societies of Waltair are suffering from want of yarn and that their nets have been in disrepair for a very long time? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI D. K. RAJU :—" Are the Government aware that in spite of controls and restrictions, black-market is still raging in the mill area? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I thank the hon. Member for his information."